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Thanks to the Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society, Northern Ohio DX Association, Ohio/Penn PacketCluster Network, AB5K & the AR TelNet Clusters Network the KP5 Web Page and VH2HV for the following DX information.

JIM SMITH VK9NS (SK)

Bruce (G3HSR) reports (via VK2HV): It is with deep sadness that I inform you that Jim (VK9NS) passed peacefully away on Norfolk Island at 15:40 local time on 10 February 2009 after a short illness.

Jim is survived by his wife Kirsti (VK9NL) and his four children:
Bruce (G3HSR), Stuart, Sheena and Fraser (all living in the UK).

Jim's contribution to Amateur Radio, DX-ing and IOTA is inestimable. He will be sadly missed. Further information and condolences can be sent to Kirsti at **jimkirsti@ni.net.nf**
{This is the correct email address as described in opdx bulletin 895,3)

FROM THE EDITOR (by KB8NW): After coming home from work today, I was shocked when I read my very first E-mail about Jim. Dxers throughout the world have lost one of their greatest icons in DXing. Noted for his DXpeditions to rare place, the "Heard Island DX Association"

http://www.hidxa.nlk.nf

and keeping Norfolk Island active on the air, Jim will surely be missed. Many will probably remember Jim for his famous 1983 VK0JS Heard Island DXpedition (along with his wife Kirsti/VK9NL signing VK0NL). If you are new to DXing and do not know about Jim, please take a few minutes to visit the Web page above and learn about this DX legend.

OPDX and its readers would like to send out our deepest sympathy to Jim's wife Kirsti and his four children Bruce/G3HSR, Stuart, Sheena and Fraser. Jim's signal will surely be missed on

the air.

K5D DXpedition Update

Dated - February 10, 2009

The K5D Team continues to prepare for its early Thursday AM departure for Desecheo Island. Last night the team met and had dinner with USFWS participants, law enforecement personnel and members of the field research team. Due to continued questionable weather (which for some weeks has included large waves, dangerous surf, high winds and rain unusual for this time of year), the Team has made an important strategic decision.

For safety reasons, all personnel and equipment will be transported to Desecheo Island by helicopter. The possibility of Team members and crew members being injured, vessels being damaged and equipment being lost during a sea landing was too great a chance to take.

Today, all of the equipment, supplies, antennas, generators, food, shelters, tables, chairs and so forth were unloaded from the storage facility and loaded into a large moving van for transfer to the helicopter pad.

Tomorrow, representatives of the helicopter company will meet the Team, examine the cargo and prepare it for transit via sling load on Thursday morning. A second helicopter will ferry personnel. Because we're limited to only fourteen days on the island, doing it this way will allow us to get on the air sooner, stay on the air longer -- and all with a higher degree of safety.

The Team has voted, if necessary, to contribute more money of their own to help contain these incremental costs.

If you're inclined to contribute more to help, it would be appreciated. To contribute, click HERE.

http://69.89.25.185/~trexsoft/t-rexsoftware.com/desecheo/help.htm

Return often to the KP5 Web page for the latest information which will always be posted there first.

http://www.kp5.us/

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http://www.papays.com/opdx.html

ALSO VISIT THE NORTERN OHIO DX ASSOCIATION'S WEB HOME PAGE:
http://www.papays.com/nodxa.html

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